

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
April 12, 2012

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire. Not Present: Carol Massie, Don Mushin, and Thaddeus Smith. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, John Lupo, Elizabeth McDonald, Roxanna Sassanian, and Anthony Bell. Not Present: None. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, and Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Officer Irv Isabella, LAPD; Not Present, LASD. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Timothy McCook, Cherokee Apartments; Colin Thomas, Madame Tussauds.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 9:37 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The Committee approved their meeting notes from the March 8, 2012 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International

1. Seyler reported that through week 14 both radio calls and arrests by Andrews are up. Andrews has received 190 additional calls for the year when compared to this time in 2011. Seyler mentioned that this increase was somewhat expected due to the recent inclusion of the Vine Street Expansion area in the Sunset and Vine BID. This year alone BID officers have received 336 calls from the expansion area and made 18 arrests there. Year to date arrests are around 346, of which 20 are felonies. Seyler also said that the officers are continuing to work with outreach providers to move individuals into shelter and permanent supportive services. Kerry Morrison informed the board that there has been a lot of discussion in the downtown area in regards to the removal of homeless individuals' property when it is left abandoned on the sidewalk. Morrison said that currently the BID does not have this problem, but would continue to monitor the situation as it progresses through City channels.

2. Update on Radio Equipment: Joe Mariani reported that he attended the Andrews briefing this month and was informed that the officers are having signal issues with the new radios which were purchased in January 2012. Mariani has reached out the Regional Director at Bearcom to see what can be done and has requested a tech visit the site immediately.

B. Report from LAPD: Officer Isabella reported that major crime in the area continues to stay at a low level, however Hollywood division has noticed that burglaries from motor vehicles remains the biggest crime issue in Hollywood. Officers have gone out into the community to distribute, "Lock it, Hide it, Keep it" flyers to let people know to not keep valuables out in the open of unattended vehicles. Officer Isabella also noted that the LAPD had

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conducted two task forces with Homeless service providers in the area to try and contact those chronic homeless individuals who are in Hollywood.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Mariani informed the committee that Lt. Schow could not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment, but that the LASD is working with Metro currently on the possibility of locking the turnstiles at the Metro stations. Lt. Schow hopes to be at the next meeting to give a more detailed report.

VI. New Business

A. Status of Video Surveillance Camera System:

1. Status Report on LAPD Usage: Recently Morrison had received an email from Sgt. McDonald giving her an idea as to how often the surveillance cameras were being used at the LAPD Wilcox station. Sergeant McDonald stated in the email that the station seems to utilize the cameras more for case follow up and less for monitoring areas. In previous discussions the committee had asked Mariani to research upgrade options for the equipment. Tronson stated that if the cameras were not being used as originally intended it might be in the committee's best interest to hold off on purchasing upgrades for the system. Mariani also said Metro Video recommended the committee delay their purchases, due to the falling costs of technology. Mariani said he would work with the committee to try and arrange for a time when they could visit the Wilcox station to see the current system.

2. Whitley Camera: Mariani said he is scheduled to meet with Chris from Metro Video to take a look at the Second City building on Hollywood/Whitley. Chris and Mariani will be going on the roof of the building to check if the line of site from the rooftop is good enough to make the location a feasible new site for the previous Hollywood/Whitley camera.

3. Lemongrove Camera: Mariani and Morrison are in the process of drafting a letter to the Chamber Foundation which would ask them to participate with the Council Office in a matching grant program to pay for the maintenance of the Lemongrove LAPD camera. The council office has pledged \$5,000 for the ongoing service of the camera and needs to partner with a 501 (c) 3 organization for the grant. Metro Video has asked for a fee of \$200/month to repair the camera on a monthly basis, which is discounted from their normal cost.

B. Fast Food Restaurant Security Use: The previously scheduled meeting with Jack in the Box to discuss their call frequency had been canceled by the company after their asset manager was unable to attend. Mariani is speaking with his secretary now to try and arrange another meeting date.

C. Social Security Administration Building: Seyler reported that he had met with the Social Security Admin Building as they were interested to know how the BID patrol could be of assistance. Since the tenant is a government entity, the building has to have all their calls go through the Federal Police. Seyler said that Andrews would not be able to handle complaints in relation to the property itself, especially when the tenant would not sign a trespass form. However, Andrews' officers will continue to monitor and patrol the public area around the property.

V. Old Business

A. Homeless Outreach Update:

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a. General Update: Morrison said that the VA outreach effort is still in the works and slowly moving forward.

B. Community Impact Team : Mariani reported that he and Morrison had met with the City Attorney and Council office last week at City Hall. The group discussed the activity of the Characters and Tour busses on Hollywood Boulevard and the growing amount of complaints. The Chamber was also in attendance at the City Hall meeting and shared the complaints they have received. The group is continuing to work on a strategy to address the concerns of both stakeholders and visitors in the area.

C. Valet Ordinance Update: Morrison said that the ordinance had been put on hold and she would inform the group when more details are available.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 10:37 a.m.